

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Of Claims 1-54 originally filed, claims 1-16 and 30-54 were cancelled by Preliminary Amendment on April 21, 2004. Claims 26-29 were subsequently cancelled by Amendment on April 13, 2007 under 37 C.F.R. 1.111. Claims 17-25 are pending of which claims 17 and 19 are independent claims. Claim 18 depends on claim 17; and claims 20-25 depend directly or indirectly on claim 19. Claims 17-25 are currently on Appeal.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

A response without amendment was filed March 9, 2009, subsequent to the final rejection. There are no related Appeals or Interferences.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent claim 17 is directed to a method claim for treating immunological skin disorders (see, *e.g.*, see Applicant's specification at page 8, lines 20-23; page 11, lines 21-23; page 12, lines 5-8) comprising applying onto an area of skin (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification at page 22, lines 10-11; and claim 1 as originally filed) affected by said skin disorder a fluid, film-forming carrier having contained therein a steroid (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification page 9, lines 23 continuing to line 3 on page 10), and hardening the carrier into a tangible, membrane (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification at page 14, lines 5-6) juxtaposed to said affected area (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification at page 9, line 23 continuing to line 3 on page 10), wherein said film-forming carrier is nitrocellulose (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification at page 13, lines 17-24).

Dependent claim 18 is drawn to the method of claim 17, wherein said skin disorder is eczema, psoriasis, or atopic dermatitis (see, *e.g.*, Applicant's specification at page 20, lines 25-26).